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Right Eminent Sirs and Sir Knights:

GREETINGS:

We are well on our way for the year 1951-1952. Candidates have been obtained in good numbers by certain commanderies, while others seem to be lagging behind. A little concentrated work by those behind their quotas is sure to bring results. A very successful York Rite Nite was held last fall by DeMolay, and another in January by Worcester County, and both produced fine results. Bristol held a family night, which I was unable to attend, but I understand it was a wonderful time and successful. Affairs such as these tend to bring the members together, and such close affiliation increases the desire of others to become members. Boston, always active, is celebrating their 150th Anniversary this month and has arranged a very pleasing program, including a church service and ladies night but, most important, they are striving for 150 candidates and are working the Order of the Red Cross during their week of celebration. My personal greetings and congratulations to Boston #2. Calvary has undertaken to work the Orders of the Red Cross and Malta on the thirty-two candidates of Woonsocket. Another example that the bonds of Templary make membership worthwhile, and also congratulations to Woonsocket for such a swell job candidate-wise. Gethsemane is another showing much activity and results are shown by the number of candidates obtained by them. Hugh de Payens #20 have reached their quota. ... These are just a few instances to show that active commanderies obtain candidates and build Templary. The goal is now 1,200. Let's all put our shoulders to the wheel and make this year the best in recent years.

"ON TO PROVIDENCE" is still the slogan. Let's get the Sir Knights out to back up our banners on May 11th. The biggest and best Templar display ever is what we are aiming at. Read the flyer enclosed in your notice. Let's put Templary in a position to live many times 150 years.

Olivet is again sponsoring the Manning Bowl Service. Let's keep this in mind. They are making arrangements so as not to interfere with St. John's celebration. Thank you, Sir Knights of Olivet.

Easter is approaching and the Sunrise Service in Washington. Reservations can be made if you contact the Grand Recorder right away.

The Triennial at New Orleans in September ... are we going to have another big time as in '49? Get in touch with the Grand Recorder so plans can be made.

CHARLES F. FAIRBANKS, 2ND  
Grand Commander.

ST. JOHN'S COMMANDERY NO. 1. K.T. - A  
SPECIAL ATTRACTION FOR THE LADIES

We have made arrangements for those ladies who care to on Saturday afternoon, May 10, to take a drive to Newport, R.I., during the time the competitive drill is taking place. It is a very lovely trip, the length of Narragansett Bay, going over the Mount Hope Bridge and then taking in the following points of interest:

Passing the Old Grist Mill, the largest in America, built in 1812 ... Overing House - there the British General Prescott was caught ... Naval War College ... Original State House of Rhode Island ... The Old Stone Mill ... Ida Lewis Light ... Fort Adams ... Trip around the Ten Mile Drive, stopping at the "Breakers" and going through this estate ... St. George's School ... returning by the road paralleling Sakonnet River. You will pass by one hundred mansions on the Ten Mile Drive and the famous Bailey's Beach.

We hope that as many ladies as possible will avail themselves of this opportunity.

CLARIFICATION OF OFFICIAL ORDERS  
OF FEBRUARY 1, 1952

Regarding the semi-annual Conclave in Providence May 10th and 11th, the third paragraph reads: "It is, therefore, the order of your Grand Commander that you have your banners displayed, etc." Upon inquiry of our Right Eminent Commander, he states: "... the order as stated in the letter was to have officers present on both days, and as many Sir Knights in line in the parade as possible. Of course, if the officers cannot be present on both days, it is much more important for them to be present for the parade. I would like to have all banners assembled for the drill at the Armory, but this may be impossible, so therefore in answer to any questions, state that THE PARADE ON SUNDAY IS THE IMPORTANT ONE OF THE TWO."

BOSTON COMMANDERY #2 ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
EVENTS COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF BOSTON COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR:

Devotional Services, Sunday, March 9th, at the Old South Church, Copley Square, Boston, at 4:00 P.M. Reverend Ewald Mand, Guest Speaker; Alice Farnsworth, Soloist; Aleppo Temple Chanters Meistersingers.

The Reverend Ewald Mand is a well known Estonian clergyman and lecturer. He is now minister of the First Baptist Church, Rockport, Massachusetts. His experiences "Of Life Behind The Iron Curtain" will provide a most interesting and enlightening portrayal of an organization which is militantly and unalterably opposed to those ideals and traditions for which our Masonic Order stands.

Special Anniversary Conclave, at the  
Masonic Temple, Wednesday, March 12th:

- 6:00 PM - Big Buffet Dinner, free to members.
- 7:30 PM - Reception of distinguished guests - Gothic Hall.
- 8:00 PM - Historical highlights and side-lights.
- 8:30 PM - Remarks by distinguished guests.
- 9:00 PM - Order of the Red Cross in Full Form.

March 12th, 1802 is the actual date our Commandery was instituted.

Ladies' Night and Theatre Party - John  
Hancock Building, Friday evening, March  
14th:

- 6:15 PM - Dinner, Dorothy Quincy Suite.
- 7:30 PM - Selections by B.U. Orchestra.
- 8:00 PM - Introduction of distinguished guests.
- 8:30 PM - "The Gondoliers."

Your Anniversary Committee is happy to announce that the Boston University Light Opera Players will present "The Gondoliers" an operetta by Gilbert and Sullivan, with a cast of 50 people, full of comedy, singing, dancing and striking costumes.

Why Andrew Was Remarkable

When a preacher was asked what he preached about on Sunday he answered: I preached about Andrew, and found him a most interesting character. What was there about him that was remarkable? Well, I do not suppose you would call him a great man, but the significant thing about him was that every time he is mentioned in Scripture he was introducing someone to Jesus. Be an "Andrew!" You, too, can be a remarkable person. Introduce your Masonic friends to Christian Knighthood!

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CONSOLIDATION

The Consolidation of Winthrop Commandery #53 with Boston Commandery #2 was formally consummated on Wednesday evening, February 20, 1952, in Boston Commandery Asylum, Masonic Temple, Boston. The Grand Commander and his Suite were received by Em. Sir William M. Heiligmann, Commander presiding.

Following the impressive ceremonies and formalities between the two Commanderies, the R.E. Grand Commander addressed the Sir Knights on their new relationship, saying: "While we do not like to see any Commandery discontinue its activities, we must also face the facts when they appear. Conditions have changed in many localities, and such is the case in Winthrop. To my mind, for a commandery to try to exist when conditions make it nigh on impossible, is the wrong thing to do. Strong Commanderies are a help to Templary, but struggling Commanderies can do impairable harm." He concluded by asking for uniform loyalty, friendship and support.

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Hugh de Payens Commandery #20 will be host on March 15, 1952 to the Commander and a party of 50 Sir Knights from Hugh de Payens Commandery #19 of Easton, Pennsylvania.

The Pilgrimage of the Pennsylvania fraters is in continuance of a long existing friendship between the two commanderies that began in 1895. Since that time, groups of Sir Knights of both commanderies have exchanged official and unofficial visits. The visiting Sir Knights will be taken on a sight-seeing tour of Greater Boston, will be guests at dinner in the evening, and at their request, will witness the conferring of the Order of the Temple on several candidates following the dinner. Overnight accommodations have been arranged, and the visitors will be guests of the local commandery on Sunday morning. The Committee is planning further activities for part of Sunday before the Easton fraters leave on the return journey.

Hugh de Payens #20 expects a large attendance at the Saturday dinner and Conclave.

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More than 350 Sir Knights and Ladies attended the Annual Ladies' Night of Quincy Commandery #47 on February 22nd, 1952.

CHANGE OF INSPECTION DATE

Our Rt. Em. Grand Commander has approved the change in the Inspection Date of BOSTON COMMANDERY #2 from April 16th to May 21st, 1952.

This change is made necessary due to the heavy program arranged during the month of March and the great number of applicants to receive their orders during March and April.

A STRAIGHT-FORWARD MESSAGE

FROM OUR R E GRAND COMMANDER

The life blood of any organization is "Membership!" On this I think we can all agree; but, are we doing our part to increase interest in our individual Commanderies - that the membership might be stimulated to a greater degree? When I read some of our Commandery notices and note the indifference on the part of a Commander in permitting a page of his Notice to go out blank despite all the information he receives, I am dismayed to think of the reaction of the Sir Knights receiving such a notice. I also hold that under such circumstances the Recorder should do something to correct the condition. Our Commanderies should be a vital force in every Community for the good of its citizens.

Conditions all about us give evidence of a lack of morale, and morale is so necessary for the well-being of a civilization based on the fundamental principles of our Christian teachings. We, as officers, have within us a dynamic force for good and the power to translate that force into life through our membership, giving them a pattern that makes more beautiful and attractive the personal virtues of courage, humility and love.

So, let us use every avenue and means to transmit to our members the activities of this great organization in which we should all be taking an active part, to the end that this world will be a better place in which to live at peace with one another.

Let us each prove to ourselves that Templary is "On The March," because of our individual efforts.

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The following Commanderies have not forwarded their annual Xmas offering and Good Cheer: Winslow Lewis #18, Narragansett #27 and Olivet #36.

| COMMANDERIES      | 5 MOS. | FEB. | TOT. |
|-------------------|--------|------|------|
| St. Johns         | 36     | 9-   | 45   |
| Boston            | 33     | 16   | 49   |
| Newburyport       | 9      | 0    | 9    |
| Washington        | 0-     | 2    | 2    |
| Worcester County  | 16     | 4    | 20   |
| Springfield       | 13     | 3    | 16   |
| De Molay          | 45     | 10   | 55   |
| Holy Sepulchre    | 5      | 0    | 5    |
| Pilgrim           | 9      | 0    | 9    |
| Palestine         | 2      | 3    | 5    |
| Milford           | 0      | 0    | 0    |
| St. Bernard       | 5      | 0    | 5    |
| Calvary           | 13     | 2    | 15   |
| Haverhill         | 9      | 1    | 10   |
| Old Colony        | 5      | 2    | 7    |
| Sutton            | 11     | 5    | 16   |
| Bethany           | 0      | 1    | 1    |
| Winslow Lewis     | 4      | 0    | 4    |
| Jerusalem         | 9      | 0    | 9    |
| Hugh de Payens    | 29     | 14   | 43   |
| St. Omér          | 15     | 0    | 15   |
| Berkshire         | 2      | 1    | 3    |
| Conn. Valley      | 3      | 1    | 4    |
| Woonsocket        | 32     | 0    | 32   |
| God. de Bouillon  | 5      | 1    | 6    |
| Joseph Warren     | 3      | 0    | 3    |
| Narragansett      | 3      | 0    | 3    |
| Bristol           | 13     | 3    | 16   |
| Northampton       | 1      | 0    | 1    |
| South Shore       | 4      | 0    | 4    |
| Trinity           | 2      | 1    | 3    |
| Natick            | 5      | 0    | 5    |
| Cœur de Lion      | 19     | 0    | 19   |
| Gethsemane        | 50     | 3    | 53   |
| Olivet            | 7      | 1    | 8    |
| Athol             | 2      | 0    | 2    |
| Bay State         | 10     | 3    | 13   |
| Cyprus            | 3      | 0    | 3    |
| St. Paul          | 1      | 0    | 1    |
| Beauseant         | 9      | 1    | 10   |
| Cambridge         | 1      | 1    | 2    |
| Bethlehem         | 0      | 0    | 0    |
| Orange            | 2      | 1    | 3    |
| Ivanhoe           | 9      | 0    | 9    |
| Quincy            | 6      | 0    | 6    |
| Temple            | 5      | 1    | 6    |
| St. Andrew        | 9      | 0    | 9    |
| Reading           | 4      | 6    | 10   |
| Thomas Smith Webb | 4      | 0    | 4    |
| Sir Galahad       | 2      | 3    | 5    |
| Winthrop          | 0      | 0    | 0    |
|                   | 484    | 99   | 583  |

|       | ACCUMULATIVE |      |      |      |      |
|-------|--------------|------|------|------|------|
| MONTH | 1952         | 1951 | 1950 | 1949 | 1948 |
| Sept. | 97           | 63   | 52   | 53   | 48   |
| Oct.  | 215          | 125  | 144  | 128  | 128  |
| Nov.  | 277          | 185  | 185  | 186  | 202  |
| Dec.  | 352          | 264  | 270  | 275  | 264  |
| Jan.  | 484          | 345  | 391  | 377  | 328  |
| Feb.  | 583          | 469  | 562  | 477  | 435  |
| Mar.  |              | 557  | 813  | 550  | 491  |

#### LEADERS

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| De MOLAY       | 55 |
| GETHSEMANE     | 53 |
| BOSTON         | 49 |
| ST JOHNS       | 45 |
| HUGH DE PAYENS | 43 |
| Woonsocket     | 32 |

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#### EMINENT COMMANDER:-

- Congratulations to Commander, LaRoy Jones of Hugh de Payens No. 20 Eminent Jones has reached and passed his quota of 40 Petitions, and informs us he is by no means finished.

De Molay, Gethsemane, Boston and St. Johns are showing real progress KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, we are counting on you.

Six months of our Commandery year are passed, and to those who are willing to apply themselves, we ask that YOU PLEASE SECURE THOSE PETITIONS NOW.

We need more than 200 PETITIONS IN MARCH. We are counting on YOU.

Courteously yours,

JOHN B. NAYLOR, Chairman  
New Membership and Publicity  
Committee